



October 4, 2002

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative  
Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

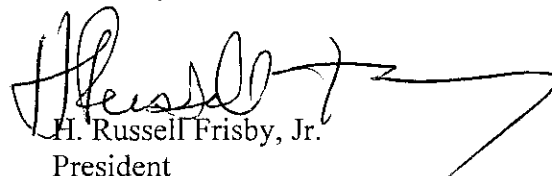
Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel"), I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. Jimmy Jackson of General Communication, Inc. ("GCI") for the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") Board of Directors seat designated for a representative of interexchange carriers with less than \$3 billion in annual revenues. GCI formally nominated Mr. Jackson for this seat on October 1, 2002.

CompTel is the leading trade association for companies in this category. The vast majority of CompTel's members have annual revenues below \$3 billion, and provide at least some (and in many cases substantial) interexchange services. As you know, CompTel was originally organized as the Association of Long Distance Telephone Companies (ALTEL) in 1981 to promote competition with AT&T, although CompTel has since expanded to include local service, wireless providers and ISPs and has kept pace with the industry's changing landscape.

Mr. Jackson has served with distinction on the USAC Board since its inception. During his term on the Board, Mr. Jackson has served at various times on each of the programmatic committees, including the Rural Health Committee, the Schools and Libraries Committee, and the High Cost/Low Income Committee. He is currently the Secretary of the Board of Directors and serves on the Executive Committee. Through this service on the Board and each of the various committees, Mr. Jackson has a thorough understanding of all of USAC's programs and also the historical knowledge of its operations. Mr. Jackson's experience and knowledge will be extremely valuable in helping to guide USAC as it meets the challenges of the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Russell Frisby, Jr.", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

H. Russell Frisby, Jr.  
President

**JAMES R. JACKSON JR.**  
**Regulatory Attorney**  
**General Communication, Inc.**  
**2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000**  
**Anchorage, Alaska 99503**

**EXPERIENCE**

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION, INC.,** Anchorage, Alaska  
Regulatory Attorney, September 1993 - Present

Represents GCI in wide range of regulatory proceedings.

**ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,** Anchorage, Alaska  
Hearing Officer, October 1984 - August 1993

Responsible for management and conduct of hearings in most of the cases heard by the APUC in this 9-year period.

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,** Anchorage, Alaska  
Assistant Attorney General, Summer 1984

Temporary position with the Consumer Protection Division involving general consumer complaints and several larger investigations within the Division.

**ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM,** Anchorage, Alaska  
Staff Attorney, January 1983 - Spring 1984.

Represented residential consumers on a variety of issues, primarily in utility ratemaking proceedings before the Alaska Public Utilities Commission.

**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES,**  
Richmond, Virginia  
Energy Advocacy Program Attorney, 1979 - 1982

Represented residential consumers on a variety of energy related matters, primarily utility cases before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

**VIRGINIA STATE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. and CHARLOTTESVILLE-  
ALBEMARLE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC., Charlottesville, Virginia**

Statewide Training Coordinator, 1978

Interim Staff Attorney, Summer 1978

Responsible for designing and implementing training programs for attorneys and paralegals from Legal Services offices across the state.

**NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC., Richmond, Virginia**

Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow, September 1975 - September 1977.

Responsible for general caseload and impact litigation representing low income persons.

**EDUCATION**

1972 B.A., Cum Laude, Economics, Davidson College,  
Davidson, North Carolina

1975 J.D., University of Virginia School of Law,  
Charlottesville, Virginia

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

1975 Virginia

1985 Alaska

**PERSONAL**

Born Orangeburg, S.C., August 27, 1950.

Married to Mary Ellen Shea, no children.

Excellent health

Hobbies include hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, canoeing, wilderness trips, recreational dog-mushing.